LEAPS Program

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	School Initiative
Key Result Area connection (background)	• LEAPS Program developed to engage students in learning and exploring goals and future careers. The LEAPS program is for year 9 students. It supports career exploration and goal setting through shadowing and mentoring in the workplace. Students are mentored by a staff member within the law firm. • Links to the State Key Result Areas: Planning transition Pathways. Exploring career futures and building networks and connections.
Initiative outline	• To provide Year 9 students, both male and female and from a range of cultural backgrounds with the opportunity to explore a range careers and be mentored by an employee from work place. Students are guided through goal setting and encouraged to try strategies to assist them in achieving their goals.
Who supports and organises implementation?	• Career Advisor • Year 9 Year Adviser • Head Teacher Welfare • Baker & McKenzie Law Firm – coordinator
Highlight student and/or school outcomes	• Increase in student confidence in use of public transport to the city • Increase exposure to the wide range of jobs within a law firm • Build links for future work experience options • Make valuable connections which can be later used as referees • Improved attendance rates for students in program • Improved behaviour and engagement in school
2008 Enhancements	• Build links between law firm and school to

	develop further school programs including leadership, guest speakers • Train targeted students to become mentors for younger students
2008 Financial allocation being applied for (budget)	• Relief for teacher across 8 shadow days @ $276 • Subsidised train travel into the city for students • Graduation ceremony incidentals • **Total = $1500**